

REMARKS

I. Discussion with Examiner

After discussion with Examiner on April 13, 2009, it was determined that the status of the Office Action should be marked as non-final.

II. Claim Amendments

Claims 1-21 are canceled without prejudice by this Response. New claims 22-41 are added. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by the Amendment.

III. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-9 and 21 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-9 and 21 are canceled by this amendment, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

IV. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

A. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18 and 21

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chern (US 2003/0060211). Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18, and 21 are canceled by this amendment, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

B. Claims 19 and 20

Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uhlmann (US 6,553,308), and further in view of Mathews (US 2003/0060973). Claims 19 and 20 are canceled by this amendment, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

V. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Claims 3 and 12

Claims 3 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over Chern in view of DeLorme (US 6,321,158). Claims 3 and 12 are canceled by this amendment, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

B. Claims 6 and 15

Claims 6 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over Chern in view of Buckham, et al. (US 6,662,016) (Buckham). Claims 6 and 15 are canceled by this amendment, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

VI. New Claims

New claims 22-41 are added by this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that the references cited by the Examiner fail to teach, disclose, or suggest “a message format specification” as recited by Applicant’s independent claims 22 and 32. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 22-41 are patentable over the art previously cited by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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